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S.1, Special Branch Station,

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Information
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Between April 5th and April 8th, 1939, during the visit to Shanghai of H.E. Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, D.S.s Hide, McKeown and Henchman of the Special Branch, were detailed as escort to H.E. Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr, British Ambassador to China.

The duties performed by the Special Branch party, are given hereunder in diary form :-

Wednesday, April 5th, 1939.

8.15 a.m.	To Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr's residence at 50 Tunsin Road.
9.45 a.m.	Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr from 50 Tunsin Road to the British Embassy.
10.10 a.m.	Stand by.
11.45 a.m.	To the British Embassy (visit rendered unnecessary by a change of plans.
12.45 p.m.	To the Cathay Hotel.
1.00 p.m.	Escort Mr. Broadmead, Chinese Counsellor, to the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf where Sir Robert Craigie was met and escorted to 50 Tunsin Road.
2.40 p.m.	Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr and Sir Robert Craigie from 50 Tunsin Road to the British Embassy.
3.10 p.m.	Stand by.
4.30 p.m.	Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr and Sir Robert Craigie from the British Embassy to 50 Tunsin Road.

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5.15 p.m. Stand by.

8.40 p.m. Services not further required - off duty.

Thursday, April 6th, 1939.

8.45 a.m. To 50 Tunsin Road.

9.55 a.m. Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr and Sir Robert Craigie from 50 Tunsin Road to the British Embassy.

10.25 a.m. Stand by.

12.20 p.m. To the British Embassy.

12.40 p.m. Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr and Sir Robert Craigie from the British Embassy to the British Consulate.

2.20 p.m. Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr from the British Consulate to the British Embassy.

2.30 p.m. Stand by.

4.20 p.m. To the British Embassy.

4.50 p.m. Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr and Sir Robert Craigie from the British Embassy to 50 Tunsin Road.

5.40 p.m. Stand by.

8.10 p.m. Services not further required - off duty.

Friday, April 7th, 1939.

8.45 a.m. To 50 Tunsin Road.

10.30 a.m. Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr from 50 Tunsin Road to the British Embassy.

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(During the forenoon Sir Robert Craigie toured the Defence Perimeter with a British Military Escort.)

11.00 a.m. Stand by.

12.20 p.m. To the British Embassy.

12.40 p.m. Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr from the British Embassy to the Japanese Embassy at 79 Route Pichon. (Special precautions adopted by the French Police).

1.05 p.m. Stand by.

2.00 p.m. To the Japanese Embassy.

3.10 p.m. Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr and Sir Robert Craigie from the Japanese Embassy to the British Embassy.

3.35 p.m. Stand by.

4.15 p.m. To the British Embassy.

5.30 p.m. Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr and Sir Robert Craigie from the British Embassy to 50 Tunsin Road.

6.40 p.m. Stand by.

9.30 p.m. To 50 Tunsin Road.

10.20 p.m. Escort Sir Robert Craigie from 50 Tunsin Road to the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf.

11.45 p.m. Off duty.

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Saturday, April 8th, 1939.

8.45 a.m.	To 50 Tunsin Road.
10.25 a.m.	Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr from 50 Tunsin Road to the British Embassy.
10.55 a.m.	Stand by.
11.55 a.m.	To the British Embassy.
12.15 p.m.	Escort Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr from the British Embassy to the French Bund where he boarded the s.s. Taiyuan en route to Chungking.
12.40 p.m.	Off duty.

Throughout the above periods of duty, D.S. Henchman rode in the Ambassador's car whilst D.S.s Hide and McKeown followed in the Special Branch car immediately behind.

Sir Archibald Clarke Kerr intimated that he did not desire the continuance of the motor cycle escort originally provided.

A motor cycle escort was, however, provided for each trip between the Garden Bridge and the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf and also between the British Embassy and the French Bund on the occasion of Sir Archibald's departure.

On the occasion of the departure of Sir Robert Craigie, the Special Branch car was driven by D.S. Hide and the escort augmented by D.S. Hocking.

Nothing of an untoward nature occurred throughout the period in question.

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P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

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NO matter how often Sir [redacted] says he is in Shanghai for pleasure alone, it will be difficult to convince skeptics whose considerable number is not so surprising in the circumstances, and who yesterday were voicing their opinion of the British envoy's statement to the press with much freedom. They cannot be blamed, for it seems impossible that such a golden opportunity for the timely discussion between Sir Robert and his colleague in China, concurrently his host as well, on the general situation in the Orient should be missed.

And there should be plenty for Sir Robert and Sir Archibald Kerr to talk about. When Britain's unanswered claims on Japan are recalled, it does, in fact, appear inconceivable that anything less than a month of consultation could clear the atmosphere. That, at any rate, is the opinion of the man in the street, and if they could talk in public, it would be found that it is also the opinion of a lot of men behind the scenes.

He can't be quoted (of course), but not long ago a representative of important British interests in China, predicted the present visit of Sir Robert Craigie to Shanghai. He based his prediction or inside knowledge on the increasingly strong British official attitude over trading grievances behind a closed China door. He also expressed the poignant hope that "something should come of it—Lord knows every other method has been unsuccessful."

The fact that Sir Archibald will proceed to Chungking immediately after the conclusion of Sir Robert's visit has a significance which also is not being overlooked by local armchair observers, and rumors are already beginning to fly thick and fast, with most of them linked up with Britain's credit loan to China. Regarding the rumors, easily, it certainly does look as if there might be important developments in the near future.

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11.30a.m. - 3p.m. British Consulate.

6-4-39.

H.B.M. Ambassador Sir Robert Craigie
attending reception at British Consulate.

On the 6-4-39 H.B.M. Ambassador to Japan Sir Robert Craigie attended a reception held at The British Consulate General.

The Ambassador arrived at the British Consulate at 12.30p.m. and left at 2.30p.m.

During the aforementioned times the undersigned, D. S. Lawman, D.I. Wong Chen Ying, C.D.S. 335, C.D.C.s 157 204 and 344 kept observation in the vicinity of Soochow Road, Yuen Ming Yuen Road, The Bund and the British Consulate grounds.

No untoward incident took place.

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Craigie Denies Policy Changes

British Envoy Returns To Japan; Cordial Relations Seen

(Domei)

KOBE, Apr. 11.—Pleaure at the "cordial relations" existing between the Japanese and the British military authorities in Shanghai was expressed here by Sir Robert L. Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, as he returned from a week's visit to the Central China city. Sir Robert and Lady Craigie arrived in Kobe last night in the s.s. Terukuni Maru but stayed aboard overnight before proceeding to Tokyo by train this morning.

The Japanese authorities, Sir Robert further told reporters, were providing "as many facilities as possible" to British commercial interests in China.

No Politics

The envoy emphatically denied that his conversations with Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British Ambassador to China, on the eve of the latter's departure for Chungking, had any political significance. Sir Robert regretted that the shortness of his stay in Shanghai had prevented him from "talking at leisure" with all his friends.

The ambassador also declared that British policy towards China had registered no change.

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